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INFORMATIONAL LETTER REGARDING NEW LAW ON REGISTERED COUNSELOR LICENSING

During the 123rd Legislative Session, Governor Baldacci signed into law "An Act To Create Efficiencies in Professional Licensing Laws Pursuant to the State Government Evaluation Act Review of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation" (2007 Public Law, Chapter 621).

Section 17 of the law sunsets the issuing of initial Registered Counselor licenses within the Board of Counseling Professionals Licensure effective **August 1, 2008**. In other words, the Board will no longer grant **initial** licenses in the Registered Counselor category after August 1, 2008. However, please note that the board will continue to **renew** individuals who are actively licensed as Registered Counselors so long as timely renewal applications are filed with the Board.

For more information regarding the new law please feel free to contact Penny Vaillancourt, Board Administrator, via email penny.vaillancourt@maine.gov or via telephone (207)624-8420.

2007 Public Law Chapter 621 can be accessed at:

<http://janus.state.me.us/legis/ros/lom/LOM123rd/123S1/PUBLIC621.asp>



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